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COUNTRY:

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SUBJECT:

JUDGEMENT

THAT SYRIAN

MILITARY PREPARATIONS ARE DEFENSIVE IN NATURE

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2. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN HIS OPINION,

RECENTLY REPORTED SYRIAN PREPARATION ON THEIR FRONT LINES WITH
ISRAEL ARE DEFENSIVE AS OPPOSED TO OFFENSIVE IN NATURE.

3. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE SYRIAN OFFICER EXPRESSED SERIOUS
FEARS OF AN ISRAELI ATTACK INTO SYRIA. HE SAID THAT EVERY YEAR
DURING SEPTEMBER THE SYRIAN ARMY SENDS UNITS TO THE FRONT LINE
AFTER UNDERGOING TRAINING MANEUVERS. NORMALLY THESE UNITS ARE
SENT IN ROUTINE UNORGANIZED FASHION, BUT BECAUSE OF SYRIAN FEARS
OF AN ISRAELI ATTACK, THIS YEAR THE SYRIANS ARE SENDING THEIR
UNITS TO THE FRONT LINE, SECRETLY IF POSSIBLE, AND TO TACTICALLY
APPROPRIATE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. IN OTHER WORDS, THE SYRIAN
OFFICER STATED, WE ARE "MASSING" BECAUSE OF OUR FEARS.

4. [REDACTED]

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"FRANKLY, I HAVE NEVER SEEN THE SYRIANS SO SCARED."

6. [REDACTED] DISSEM: EMBASSY, DEFATT AT [REDACTED] SENT TO

[REDACTED] USUN, USCINCEUR,

CINCUSNAVEUR, USAF, USAREUR, COMSIXTHFLT,

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